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## LOUISVILLE MAN INDICTED FOR MAKING AND CONSPIRING TO MAKE COUNTERFEIT U.S. CURRENCY

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, announced today that on December 4, 2006, a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **BRIAN OWENS**, age 25, of 1329 Walter Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky, with manufacturing and conspiring to manufacture counterfeit U.S. currency in violation of Title 18, United States Code Sections 371 and 471.

The Indictment alleges that **Owens** manufactured and conspired to manufacture counterfeit currency in August of 2006. More specifically, on August 13, 2006, **Owens** conspired with others to manufacture approximately \$380 in counterfeit U.S. currency. **Owens** made the counterfeit currency using an all-in-one printer that he purchased at a local Wal-Mart.

If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are 85 years imprisonment, a \$125,000,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of up to 3 years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan Calhoun, and it was investigated by the United States Secret Service.

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Owens appeared for arraignment before the United States Magistrate Judge on December

12, 2006, at 9:30 a.m., in Louisville, Kentucky.

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The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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